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**Cc:** Crossland, Ronnie[Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov]  
**From:** Garcia, David  
**Sent:** Thur 8/13/2015 4:23:32 PM  
**Subject:** RE: GKM - NM Department of Game and Fish concerns

I heard the same thing as Althea indicated. While we may believe it is a long term concern. Game and Fish thought it was a short term concern because they believe a baseline of fish tissue should be collect now, so long term samples can be compared to baseline.

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**From:** Ruhl, Christopher  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 9:03 AM  
**To:** Garcia, David  
**Cc:** Crossland, Ronnie  
**Subject:** Fw: GKM - NM Department of Game and Fish concerns

Good morning David,

I intend to look into the following claim. Have you heard anything related to this issue?

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**From:** Foster, Althea  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 8:34 AM  
**To:** Ruhl, Christopher  
**Cc:** Crossland, Ronnie; Smith, Monica; Petersen, Chris; Webster, Susan  
**Subject:** FW: GKM - NM Department of Game and Fish concerns

Chris,

Patricia Welton of Regional Counsel indicated that this should be referred to Area Command.

Thx

**From:** Foster, Althea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 7:57 PM  
**To:** Welton, Patricia; Peycke, Mark; Salinas, Amy  
**Cc:** Petersen, Chris; Webster, Susan; Crossland, Ronnie; Restivo, Angela; Ngo, Kim; Rauscher, Jon  
**Subject:** GKM - NM Department of Game and Fish concerns

All,

During our daily call with State partners representatives from New Mexico Department of Game and Fish asked if we were taking fish tissue samples, if EPA has a plan for long term sampling of the Animas to assess long-term effects, and if EPA planned to address the natural resource damage "take" of fish and wildlife as a result of our actions. The EPA Region 6 participants on the call made it clear that, while we were not disregarding their concerns, the issue was beyond the scope of this particular call and that we would make sure that their issues were raised to the appropriate level.

Althea